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STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF PARTY ORGANS: Membership

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I. Motivation of Members.

- A. The political die-hards who have conviction in the present struggle. These constitute the minority. (Intellectuals - emotional).
- B. Members who have no faith in the Party doctrine; however, they cooperate with the Party for their own selfish reasons and will defect whenever the opportunity arises.
- C. Members who are completely ignorant and are just being led—illiterates, etc. (rank and file).
- D. Professional or technical personnel who join because of employment by the Party.
- E. Those recruited by intimidation, or fear of accession to power (frightened).
- F. Kidnapped—recruited by being kidnapped (India).
- G. Loss of belief in God, home, nation, etc. (frustrated).
- H. Owners with less than fifty acres that will not be molested in case the CP gains power (deceived by CP propaganda).
- I. Coercion such as planting weapons in homes (Italy).
- J. During a "vacuum of the government".
- K. Independence movements (membership in).

II. Categories of Membership.

A. Regular.

1. Enrolled members (card carrying members).

- a. Full members.
- b. Candidates (probationary).

B. Concealed or secret members (non-card carrying members).

(All Communists are secret members until authorized by the Party to reveal their connections. Party membership records are kept in code. All Communists use either real names or assigned "Party Names".)

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C. Undetermined (They are not considered CP members, until proved to be such).

1. Fellow-travelers (companton de voyage) and crypto-fellow travelers, who spread the CP doctrine, but are unknown for deceptive purposes;

"Individuals who from time to time support the CP or one of the organizations or campaign operating under its initiative and control. They may not agree with the full program of the CP or its uncontrolled organizations."

As a rule their support is influenced by their sympathy and admiration for the Soviet Union as a symbol of progress, social welfare. They may be divided into:

- a. Those who are secretly Party members and who always deny it;
 - b. Those who are not Party members but accept its aims;
 - c. Those who are sentimental about the "great experiment" and willingly explain away the worst features of the Bolshevik Dictatorship in the expectation that it will eventually yield its extraordinary powers to some future democratic government.
 - d. Those dropped from membership lists—special assignments (NICS).
2. Opportunists, who cooperate with the CP for their own selfish reasons, but do not join for the same reasons: (fence-sitters, co-existent-alists).
 3. "Confused liberals" who believe that it is possible to work with the CP for social ends.
 4. Well-meaning citizens who are deceived by CP propaganda (soft-hearted).
 5. Sympathizers, those who entertain kindly feelings toward the CP, protect its views but do not join.
 6. Persons in mass organizations.

III. Identification of CP Members.

A. Direct:

1. Possession of membership card.
2. Payment of dues.

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B. Indirect:

1. Soliciting of membership (recruiting).
2. Holding a post in the Party or one of its official publications.
3. Doing other work for the Party.
4. Running for office on the Communist Party ticket.
5. Proof of attendance at closed meetings of the CP.
6. Announcement of Party membership by an official Party application.
7. Admission of Party membership.

C. Identification of Fellow Travelers and Others may be Accomplished by Studying of:

1. The number of their associations with Communist-controlled organizations;
2. Their demonstrations of an attitude fundamentally hostile to the home government (this does not imply honest criticism);
3. Their demonstration of loyalty or devotion or admiration for CP government in preference to his own;
4. Their resolving every question of doubt on matters involving the two nations always in favor of the USSR;
6. Those who cooperate with Communists, or defend them or support them, or their organizations.
6. The importance of the post or posts occupied by them in these organizations;
7. Their adherence to these organizations despite public exposure of their Communist character;
8. Their standing in the Communist press;
9. Their public statements;
10. Their type and character of their references.

IV. Definition of a Professional Revolutionary.

A highly developed member, trained in revolutionary theory and practice, tested in struggles, who gives his whole life to the fight for the interests of his own class;

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is ready to go whenever and wherever the Party sends him; ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

is supported by the Party in case of not being assigned to gainful employment (factory, etc., where he may draw regular wages);

is ready to give the Party everything and accept assignment regardless of family or other considerations;

V. Definition of an Internationalist.

"The INTERNATIONALIST is one who unreservedly without hesitation and without conditions is READY to DEFEND the USSR, because the USSR is the BASE OF THE WORLD REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT and without defending the USSR, it is impossible to advance the revolutionary movement; for he who thinks to defend the World Revolutionary Movement apart from the and opposed to the USSR, goes against the revolution and will surely descend into the camp of the enemies of the Revolution." (J. V. Stalin, "Works" Vol. X, p. 51, as quoted in PRAVDA, July 21, 1951, pp. 3-4, in answer to readers' questions—Concerning Proletarian Internationalism).

VI. Membership Card.

After acceptance each member receives a Party Candidate (Probationary) MEMBERSHIP CARD which is handed to him at a meeting of members. The membership card is the PROPERTY of the PARTY.

VII. Transfer of Members (Candidates).

- A. It is the duty of every member to report to his primary organization (cell) any change in his place of residence or work and to apply for membership of the organization of the Party in his new sphere.
- B. Seniority of Membership. The seniority of a member is determined by the date on which he acquires the status as a regular member.
- C. Resignation from the Party (Voluntary). This is accomplished by a formal application to the Party cell, which will be acted upon at a plenary cell meeting where his name will be removed from the Party roster.